

In response, Applicants Elect Group I (claims 1 & 3-10) and the following species shown between parenthesis:

Active ingredient: biguanide (metformin hydrochloride);

Organic solvent: alcohol (ethanol); and

Coating base: (polyvinylpyrrolidone).

Claims 1 & 3-10 read on the elected species.

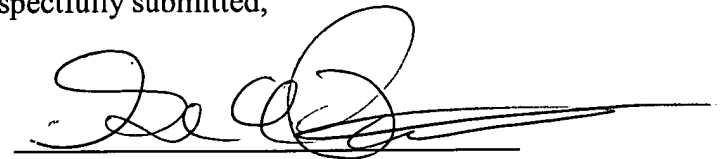
Furthermore, the non-elected claims and subject matter may be made the subject of a later filed divisional application, thereby preserving Applicants' rights in all of the subject matter of the initially filed claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 41.20, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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Respectfully submitted,

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